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In re Application of: Simon McGuire

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Serial No: 09/943,905

Examiner: to be determined

For: COMPUTER SYSTEM AND A METHOD FOR MANAGING A FINANCIAL TRANSACTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before the first line, insert:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

AI This application claims priority to German patent application no. 100 60 362.9 filed December 5, 2000 and entitled "A Computer System and a Method for Managing a Financial Transaction". --

REMARKS

The application has been amended to specify that priority has been claimed from a German patent application. This preliminary amendment is being filed 16 months from the priority date. Therefore, as provided by 37 CFR 1.55, Applicant has complied with the requirements for claiming priority and no petition or fee is required. Entry of the above amendment is respectfully

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